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SUBJECT: SOMALI PRESIDENT VISITS MADAGASCAR; DENIES SOVIET BASE
IN SOMALIA

1. SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, EN ROUTE HOME TO MOGADISCIO
FROM INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN MOZAMBIQUE, PAID WHIRLWIND
4-HOUR VISIT TO MADAGASCAR TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION OF
MALAGASY INDEPENDENCE DAY JUNE 26. SIAD BARRE, WHO WAS ONLY
FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE AT INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES IN
TANANARIVE, TOOK REVIEW OF TROOPS AT MILITARY PARADE WITH
NEW MALAGASY CHIEF OF STATE DIDIER RATSIRAKA, AND WAS GUEST
OF HONOR AT STATE LUNCHEON. EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES
BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE AT LUNCHEON CONSISTED
MAINLY OF GENERALITIES ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO
"REVOLUTION" AND STRUGGLE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE,
PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE WAS ASKED ABOUT SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA.
HE DEVOTED MOST OF CONFERENCE TO REPLY. SIAD BARRE
INVITED REPORTER WHO POSED QUESTION TO COME AND SEE FOR
HIMSELF WHETHER BASE EXISTS OR NOT, THEN DECLARED
FLATLY IT DOES NOT. "IT IS ALL SIMPLY IMPERIALIST
INTOXICATION," HE SAID. SIAD BARRE WENT ON TO ASSERT
THAT ANY COUNTRY WHICH ACCEPTS FOREIGN BASE ON ITS
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SOIL BECOMES "VIRTUALLY A VASSAL OF THE FOREIGN POWER",

AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER PUT ITSELF AT
DISPOSAL OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR A BASE. HE DECLARED
HE HAD SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD INVITING HIM TO
SEND DELEGATION OF U.S. SENATORS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES
ON SITE WHETHER OR NOT SO-CALLED SOVIET BASE EXISTS.

3. RATSIRAKA, WHO PRACTICALLY INTERRUPTED SIAD BARRE'S
LONG REPLY TO QUESTION ON SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA,
HIMSELF SAID NOTHING ON SUBJECT. HE CLOSED CONFERENCE
WITH EXPRESSION BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS FOR SOMALI
"REVOLUTION" AND REMARKS ON COMMON" REVOLUTIONARY" TIES
LINKING SOMALIA AND MADAGASCAR.

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